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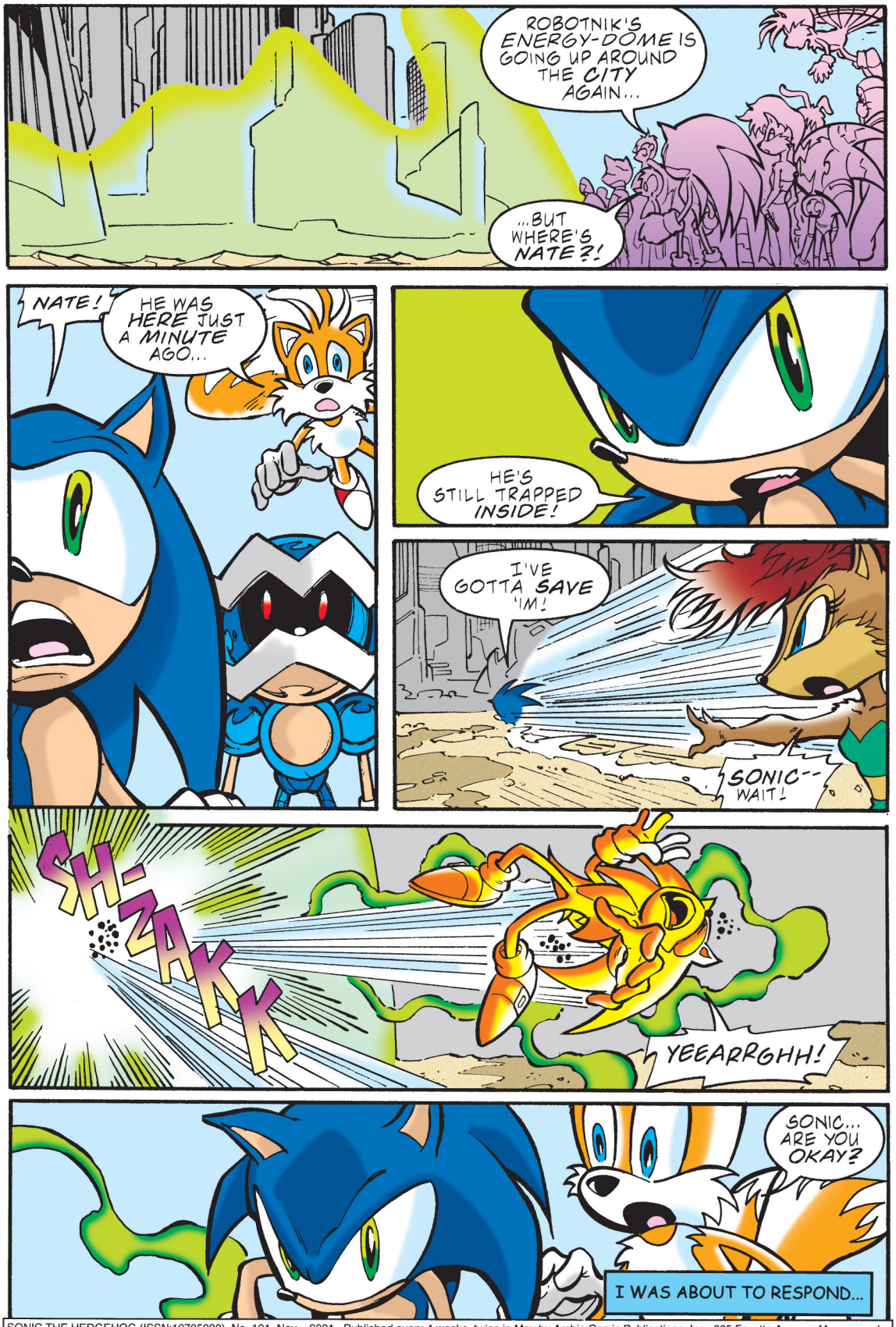

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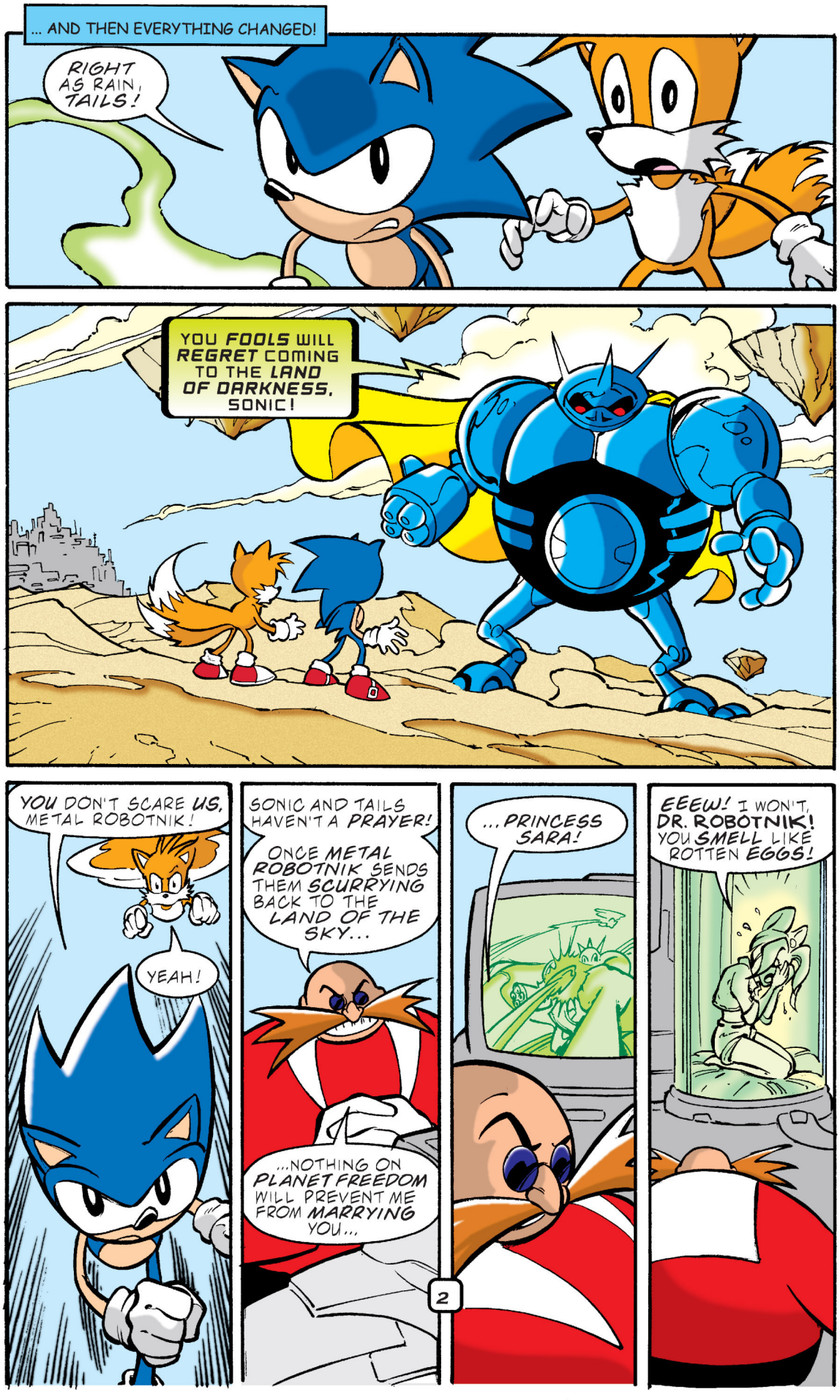
... AND THEN EVERYTHING CHANGED!
RIGHT AS RAIN, TAILS!
YOU FOOLS WILL REGRET COMING TO THE LAND OF DARKNESS, SONIC!
YOU DON'T SCARE US, METAL ROBOTNIK!
YEAH!
SONIC AND TAILS HAVEN'T A PRAYER!
ONCE METAL ROBOTNIK SENDS THEM SCURRYING BACK TO THE LAND OF THE SKY...
...NOTHING ON PLANET FREEDOM WILL PREVENT ME FROM MARRYING YOU...
...PRINCESS SARA!
EEEW! I WON'T, DR. ROBOTNIK! YOU SMELL LIKE ROTTEN EGGS!
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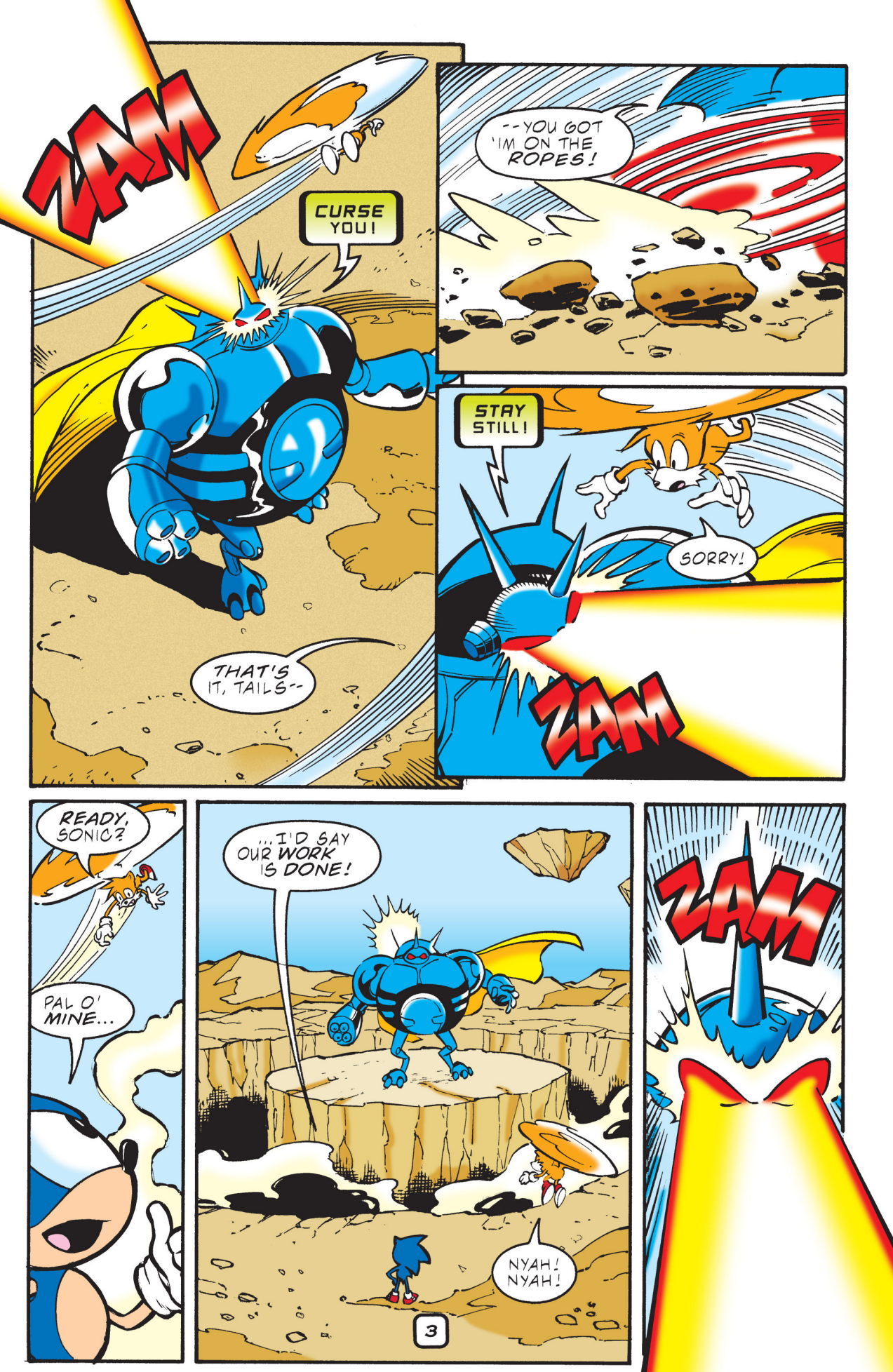
ZAM
CURSE YOU!
THAT'S IT, TAILS--
--YOU GOT 'IM ON THE ROPES!
STAY STILL!
SORRY!
ZAM
READY, SONIC?
PAL O' MINE...
...I'D SAY OUR WORK IS DONE!
NYAH! NYAH!
ZAM
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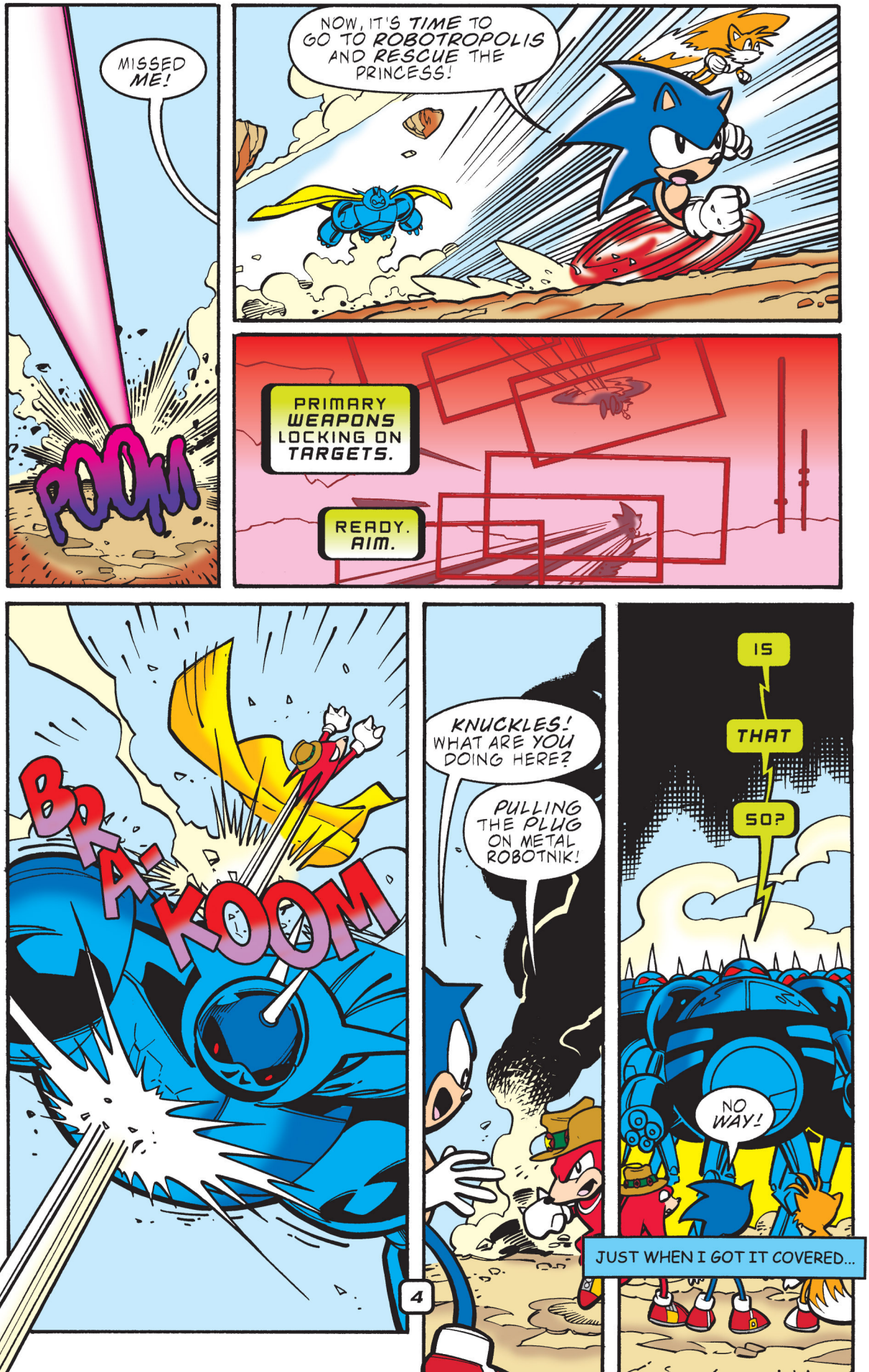
MISSED ME!
POOM
NOW, IT'S TIME TO GO TO ROBOTROPOLIS AND RESCUE THE PRINCESS!
PRIMARY WEAPONS LOCKING ON TARGETS.
READY. AIM.
BRA-KOOM
KNUCKLES! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
PULLING THE PLUG ON METAL ROBOTNIK!
IS
THAT
SO?
NO WAY!
JUST WHEN I GOT IT COVERED...
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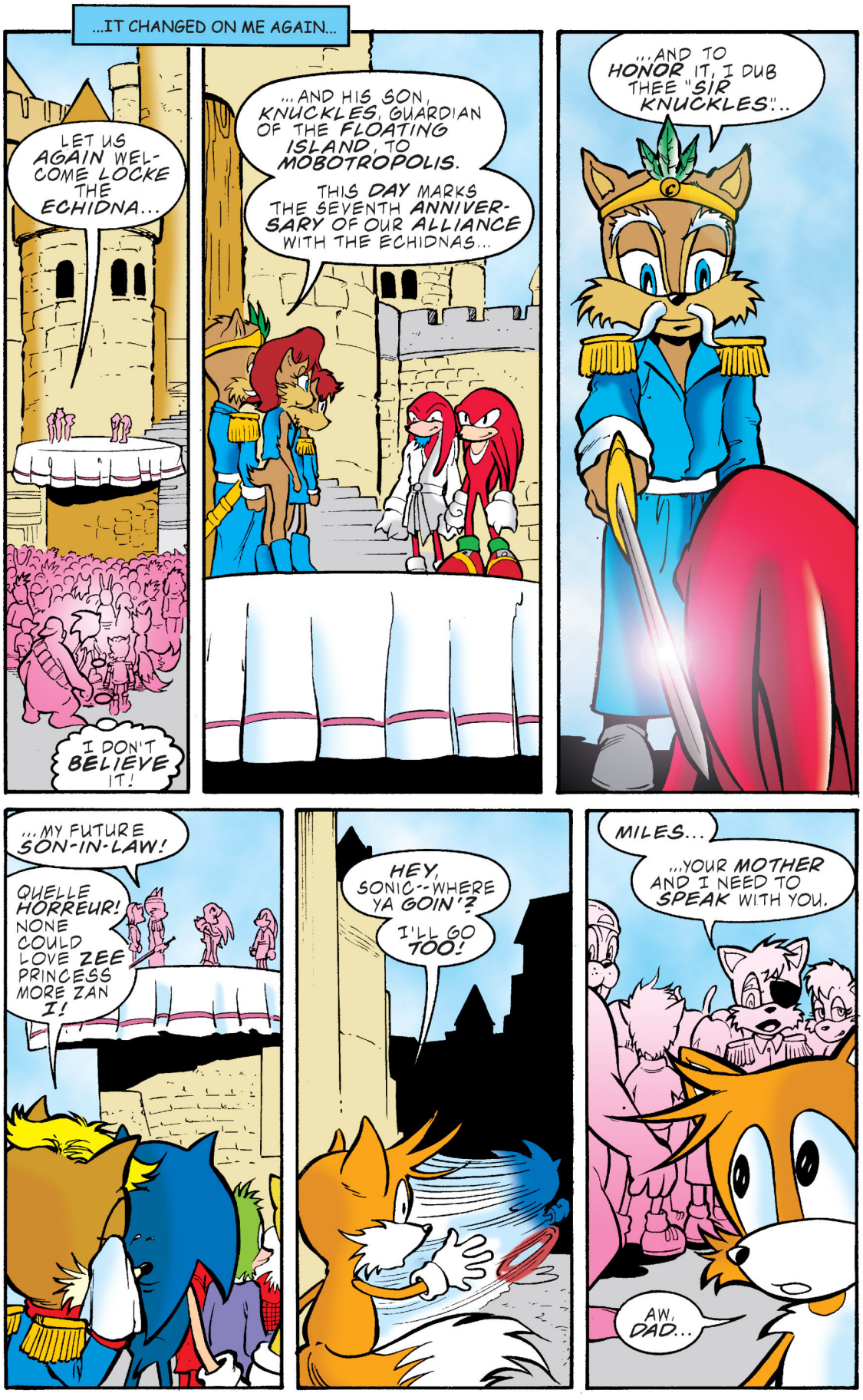
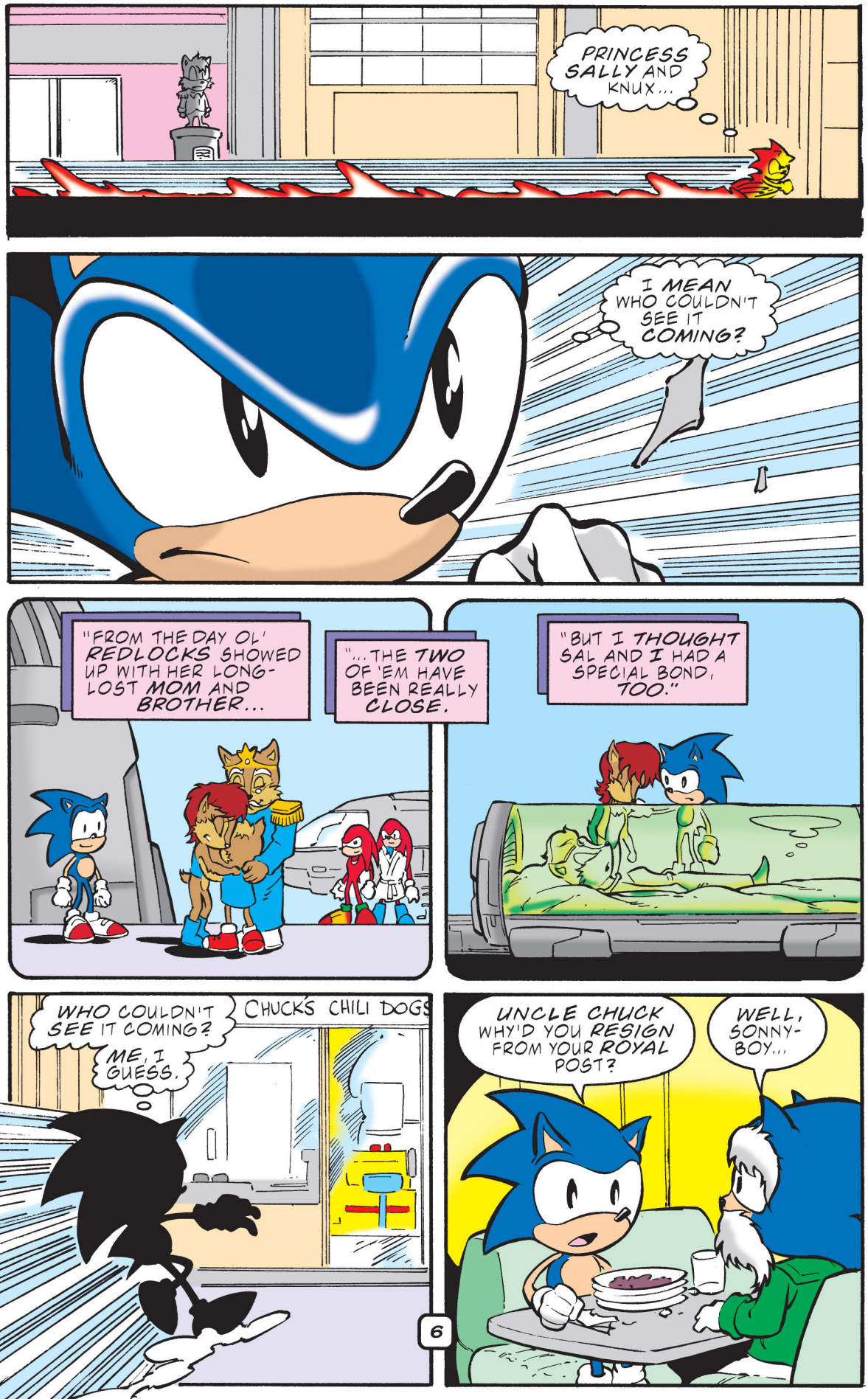
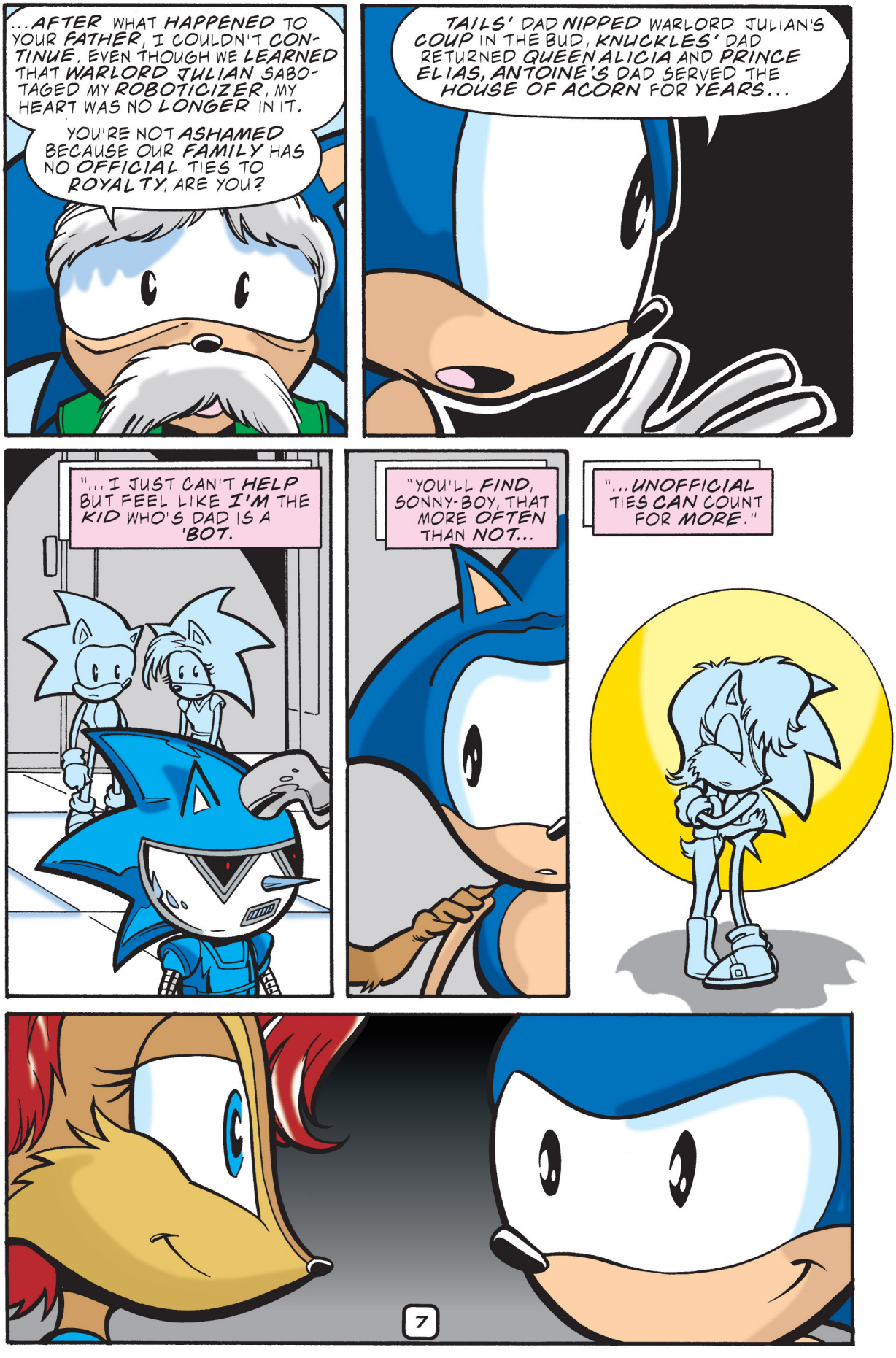
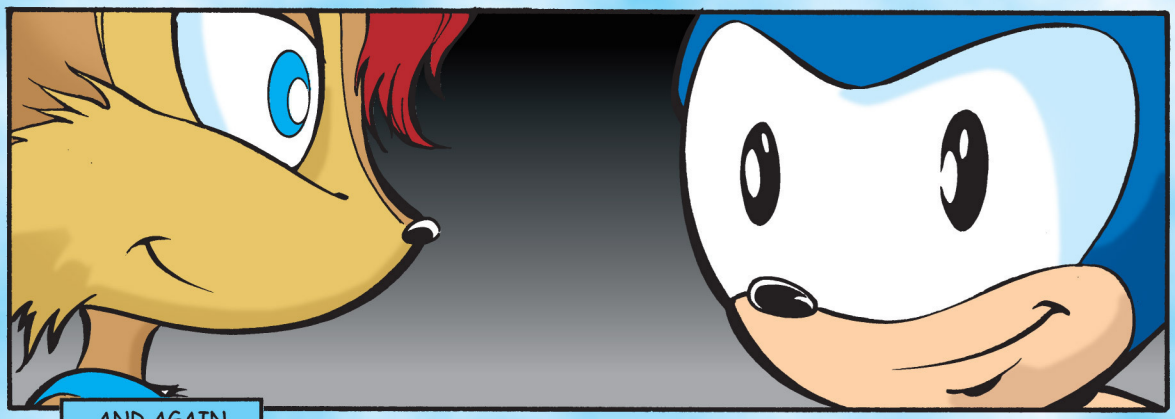
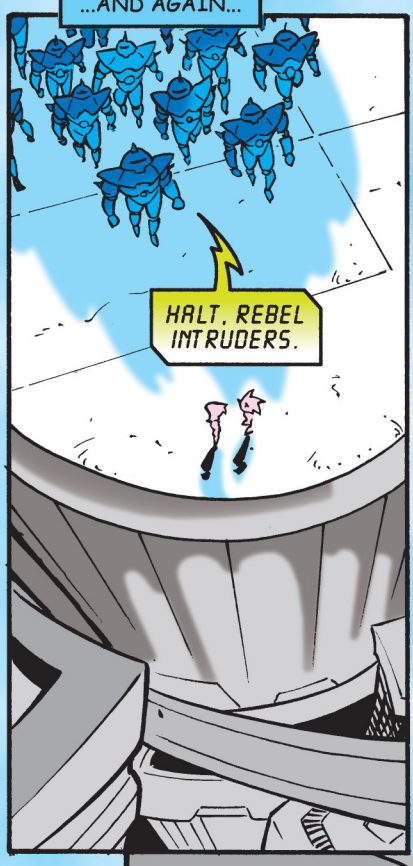
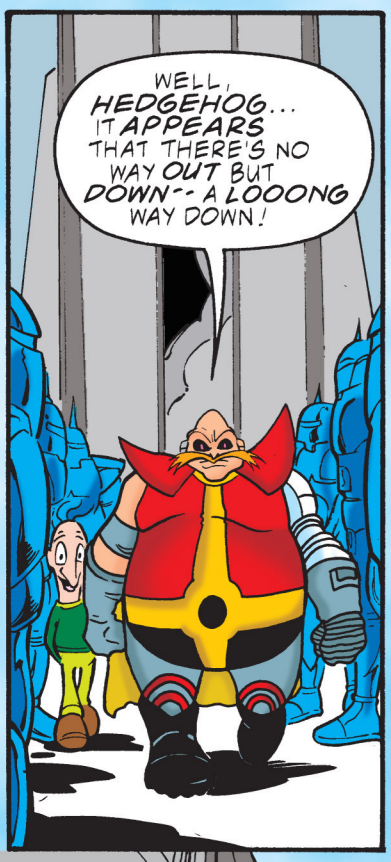

...IT CHANGED ON ME AGAIN...
LET US AGAIN WELCOME LOCKE THE ECHIDNA...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
...AND HIS SON, KNUCKLES, GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, TO MOBOTROPOLIS.
THIS DAY MARKS THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ALLIANCE WITH THE ECHIDNAS...
...AND TO HONOR IT, I DUB THEE "SIR KNUCKLES"...
...MY FUTURE SON-IN-LAW!
QUELLE HORREUR! NONE COULD LOVE ZEE PRINCESS MORE ZAN I!
HEY, SONIC--WHERE YA GOIN'?
I'LL GO TOO!
MILES...
...YOUR MOTHER AND I NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU.
AW, DAD...


PRINCESS SALLY AND KNUX...
I MEAN WHO COULDN'T SEE IT COMING?
"FROM THE DAY OL' REDLOCKS SHOWED UP WITH HER LONG-LOST MOM AND BROTHER...
"...THE TWO OF 'EM HAVE BEEN REALLY CLOSE.
"BUT I THOUGHT SAL AND I HAD A SPECIAL BOND, TOO."
WHO COULDN'T SEE IT COMING?
ME, I GUESS.
CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS
UNCLE CHUCK WHY'D YOU RESIGN FROM YOUR ROYAL POST?
WELL, SONNY-BOY...

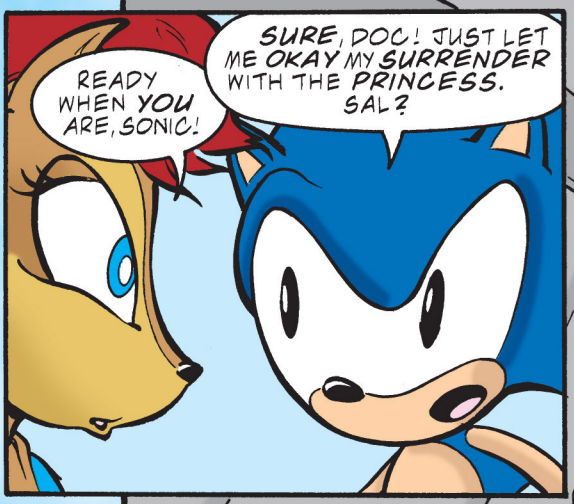

...AFTER WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FATHER, I COULDN'T CONTINUE. EVEN THOUGH WE LEARNED THAT WARLORD JULIAN SABOTAGED MY ROBOTICIZER, MY HEART WAS NO LONGER IN IT.
YOU'RE NOT ASHAMED BECAUSE OUR FAMILY HAS NO OFFICIAL TIES TO ROYALTY, ARE YOU?
TAILS' DAD NIPPED WARLORD JULIAN'S COUP IN THE BUD, KNUCKLES' DAD RETURNED QUEEN ALICIA AND PRINCE ELIAS, ANTOINE'S DAD SERVED THE HOUSE OF ACORN FOR YEARS...
"...I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE I'M THE KID WHO'S DAD IS A 'BOT.
"YOU'LL FIND, SONNY-BOY, THAT MORE OFTEN THAN NOT...
"...UNOFFICIAL TIES CAN COUNT FOR MORE."



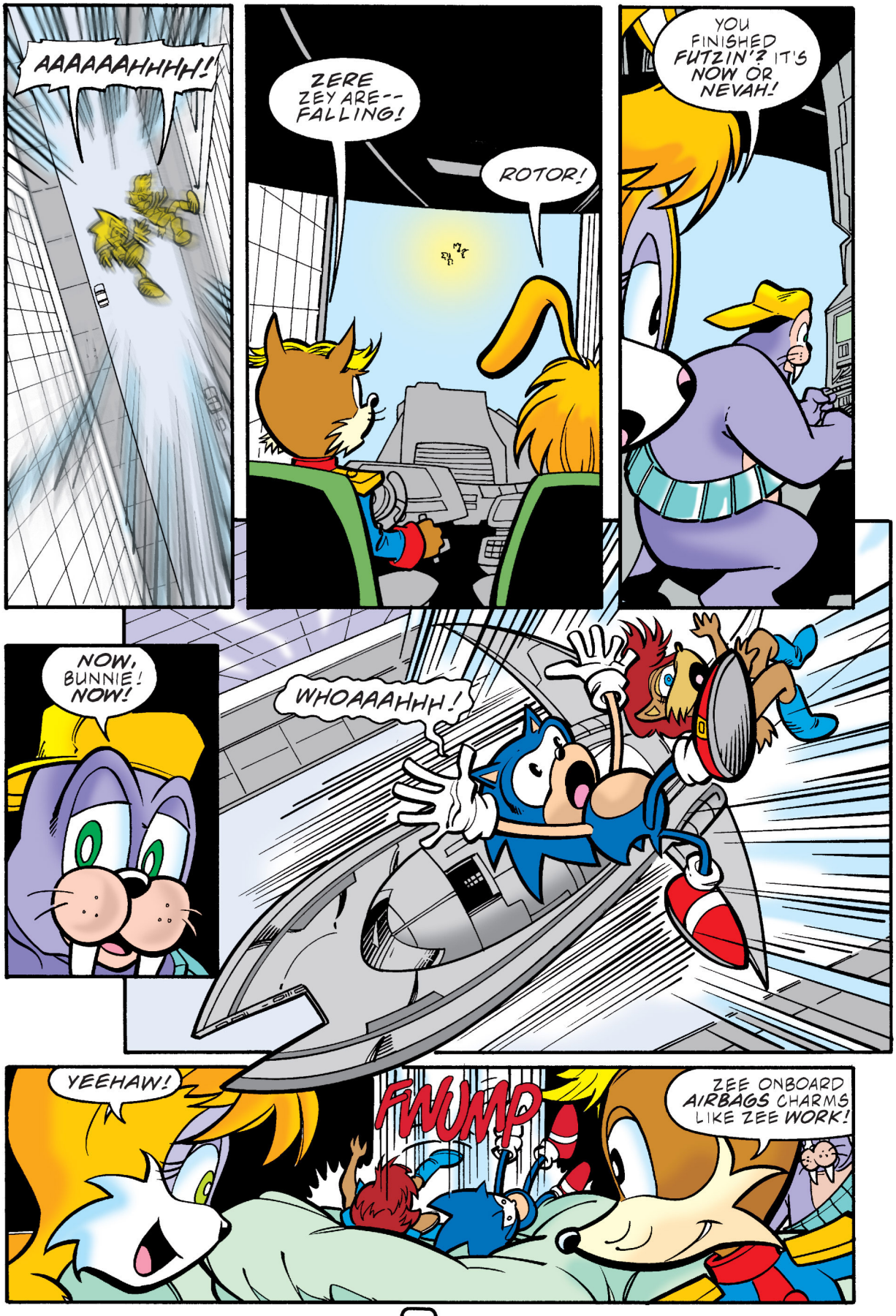

...AND AGAIN...
HALT, REBEL INTRUDERS.

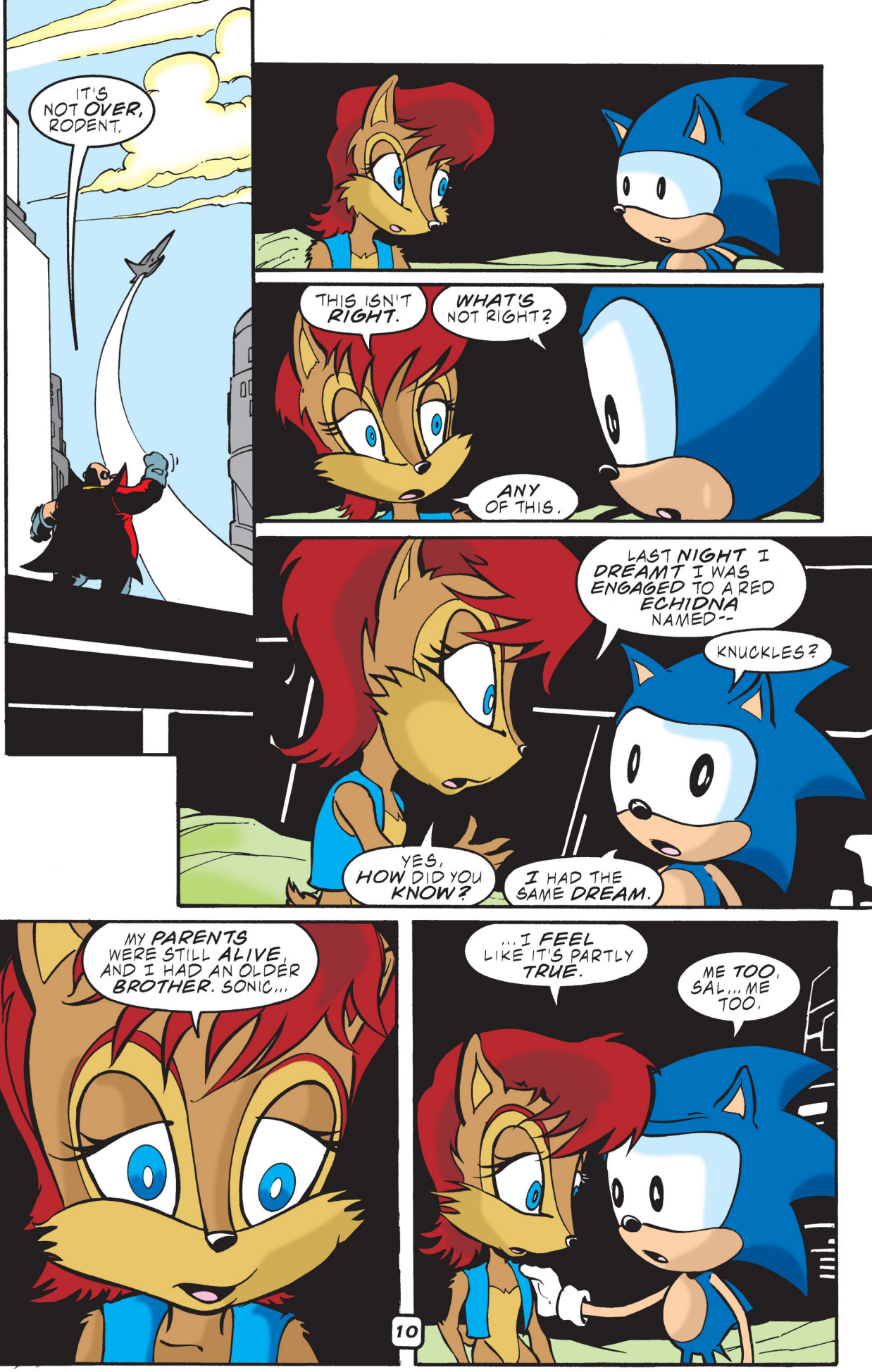

WELL, HEDGEHOG... IT APPEARS THAT THERE'S NO WAY OUT BUT DOWN-- A LOOONG WAY DOWN!

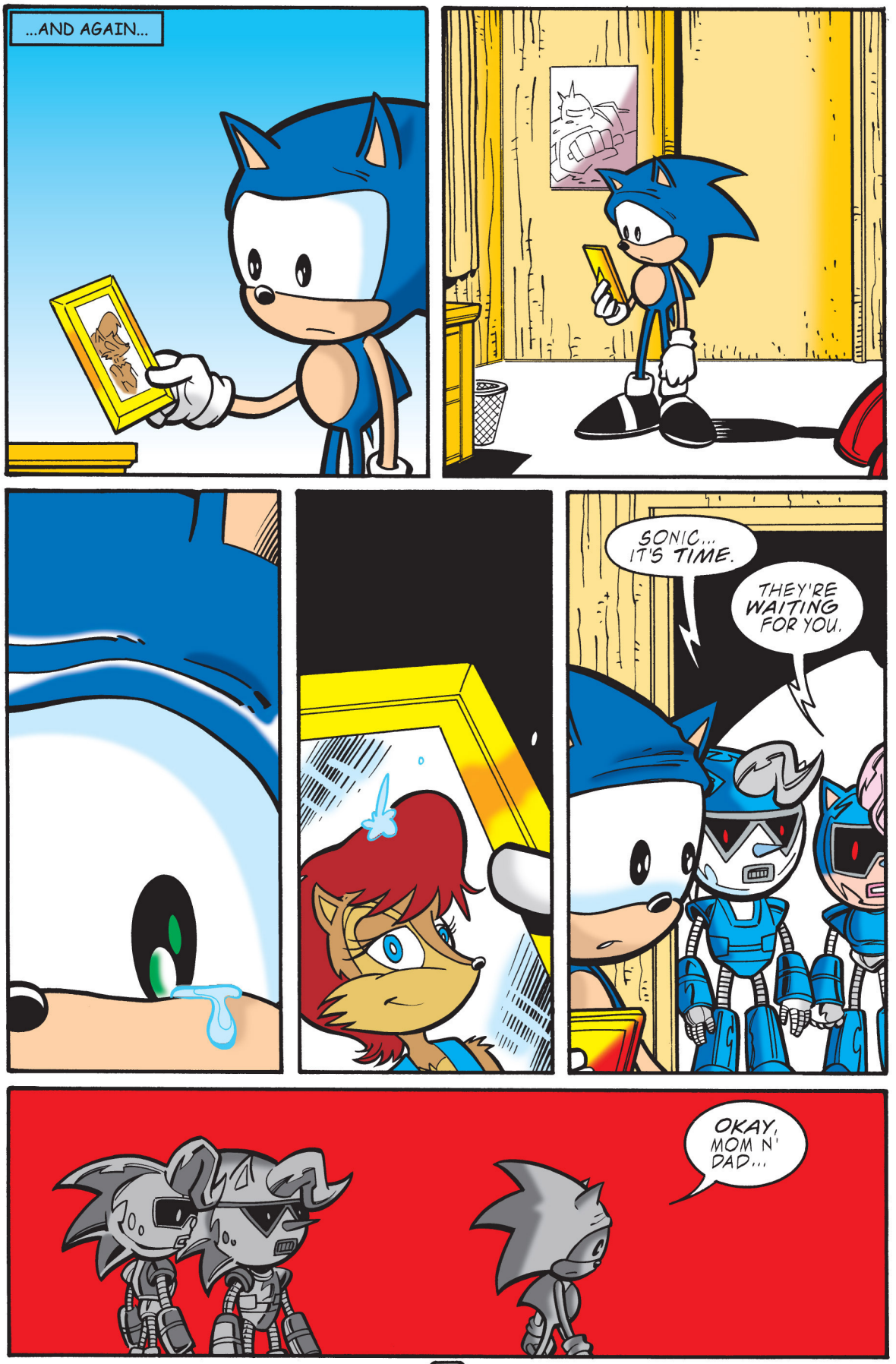
NOW, GIVE ME BACK MY FLORA-TERMINUS FILE!

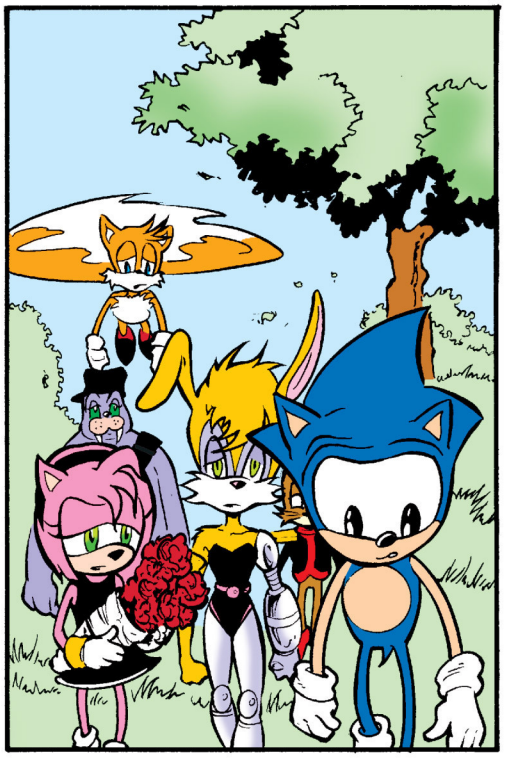

READY WHEN YOU ARE, SONIC!
SURE, DOC! JUST LET ME OKAY MY SURRENDER WITH THE PRINCESS. SAL?

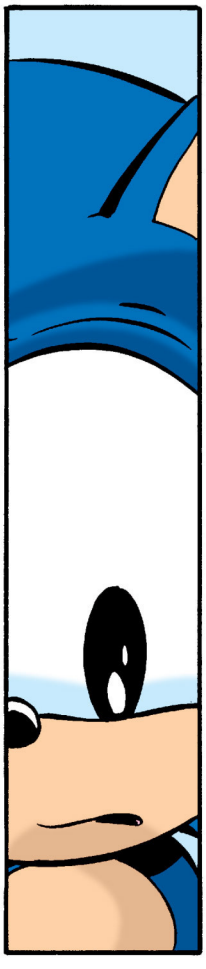
JUMP!

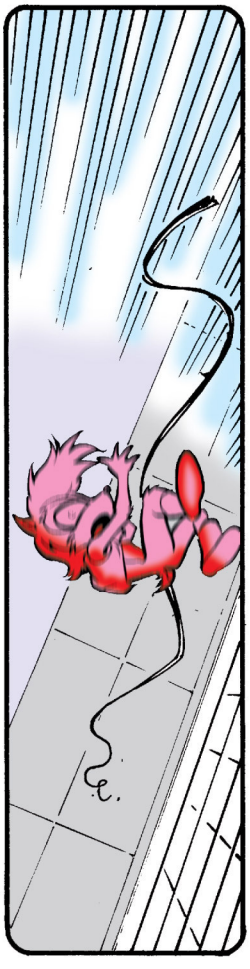

AAAAAAHHHH!
ZERE ZEY ARE-- FALLING!
ROTOR!
YOU FINISHED FUTZIN'? IT'S NOW OR NEVAH!
NOW, BUNNIE! NOW!
WHOAAAHHH!
YEEHAW!
FWUMP
ZEE ONBOARD AIRBAGS CHARMS LIKE ZEE WORK!

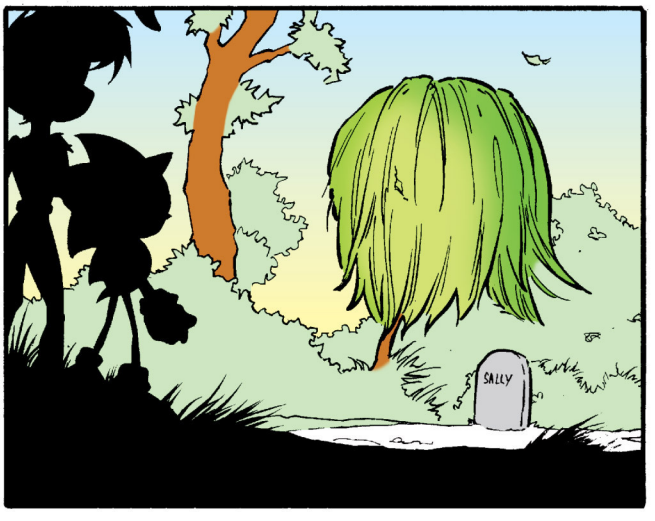

IT'S NOT OVER, RODENT.
THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
WHAT'S NOT RIGHT?
ANY OF THIS.
LAST NIGHT I DREAMT I WAS ENGAGED TO A RED ECHIDNA NAMED--
KNUCKLES?
YES, HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I HAD THE SAME DREAM.
MY PARENTS WERE STILL ALIVE, AND I HAD AN OLDER BROTHER. SONIC...
...I FEEL LIKE IT'S PARTLY TRUE.
ME TOO, SAL... ME TOO.


...AND AGAIN...
SONIC... IT'S TIME.
THEY'RE WAITING FOR YOU.
OKAY, MOM N' DAD...





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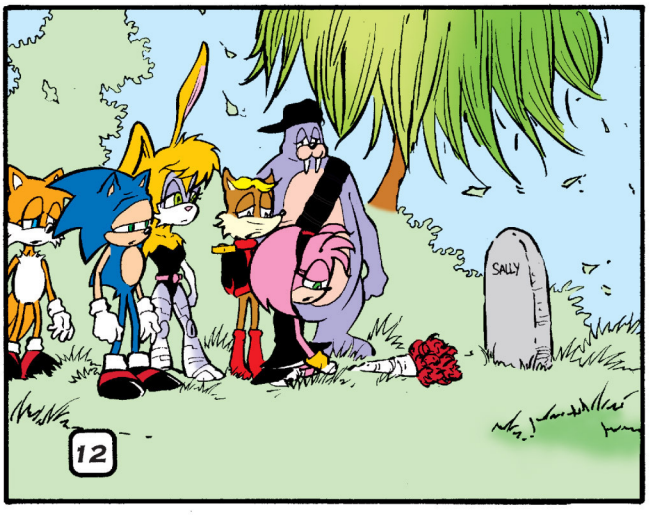
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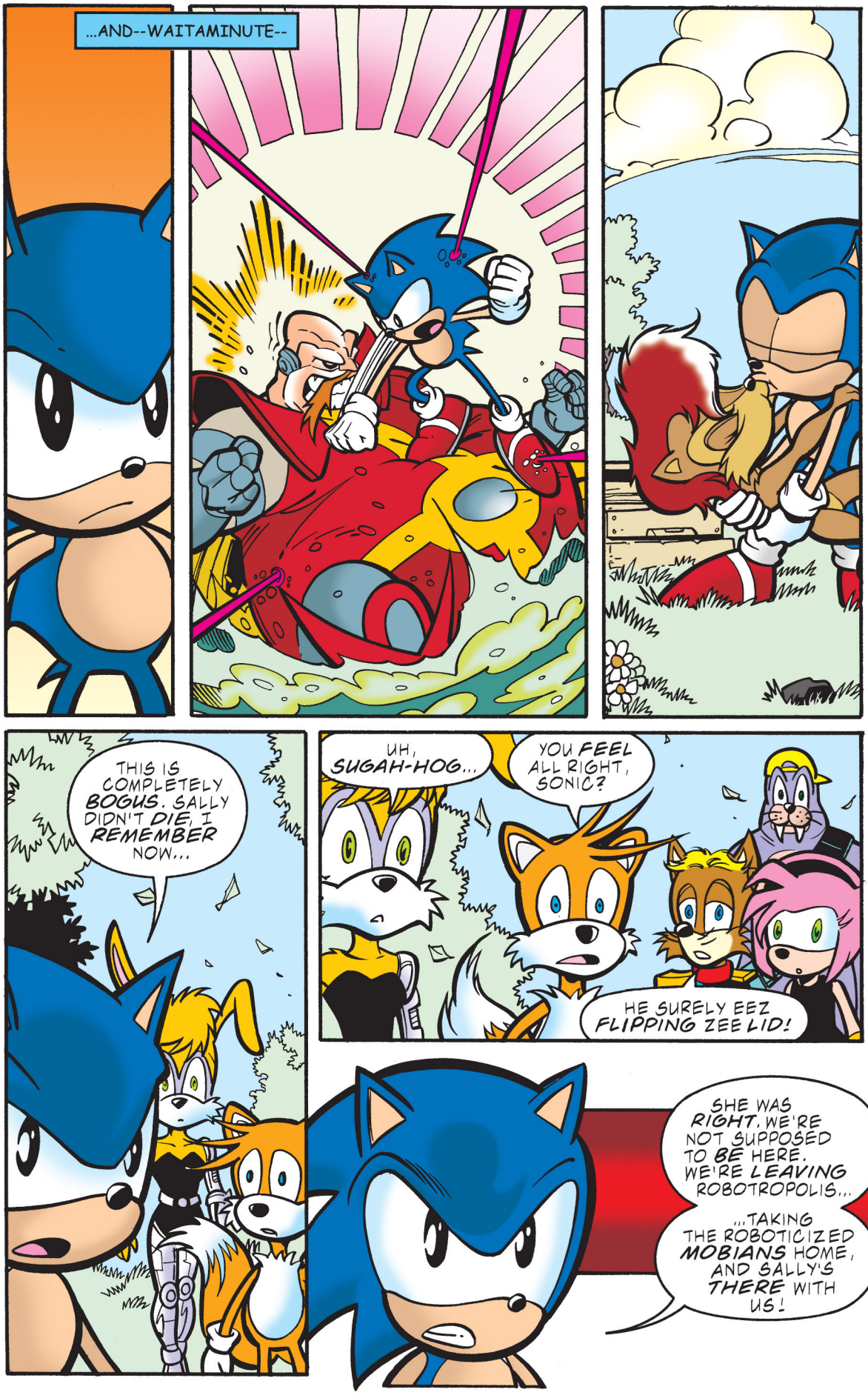
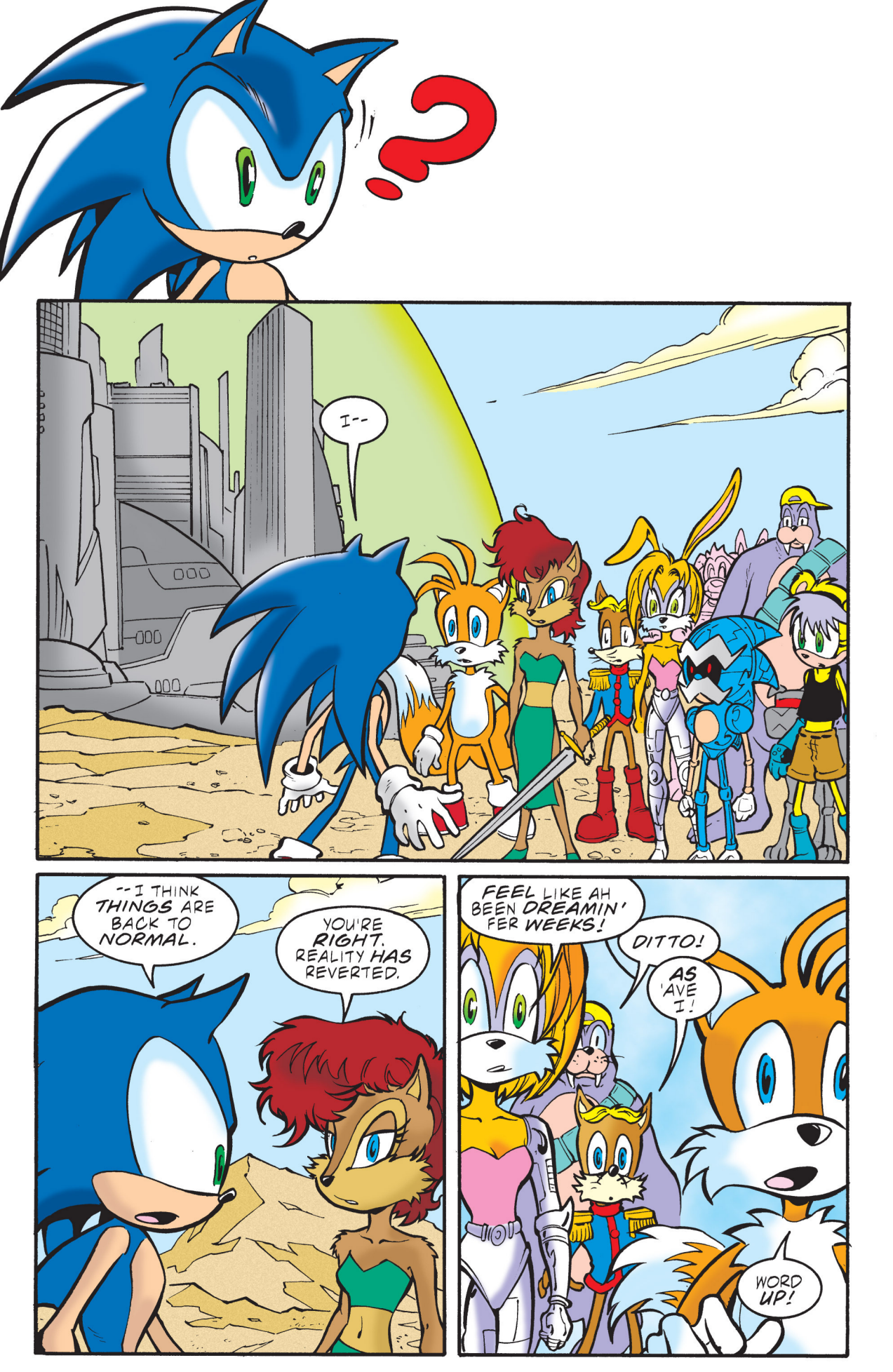
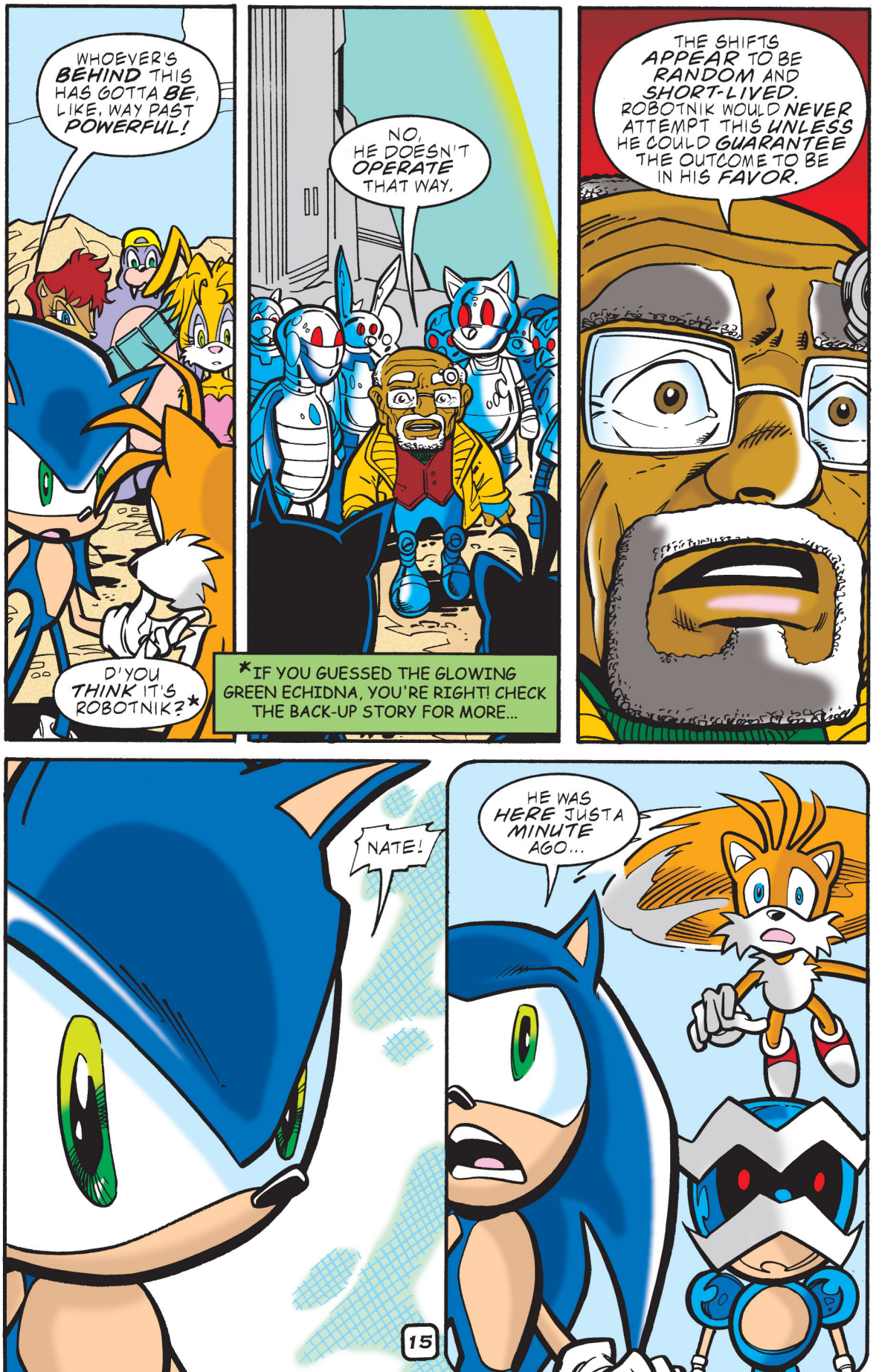
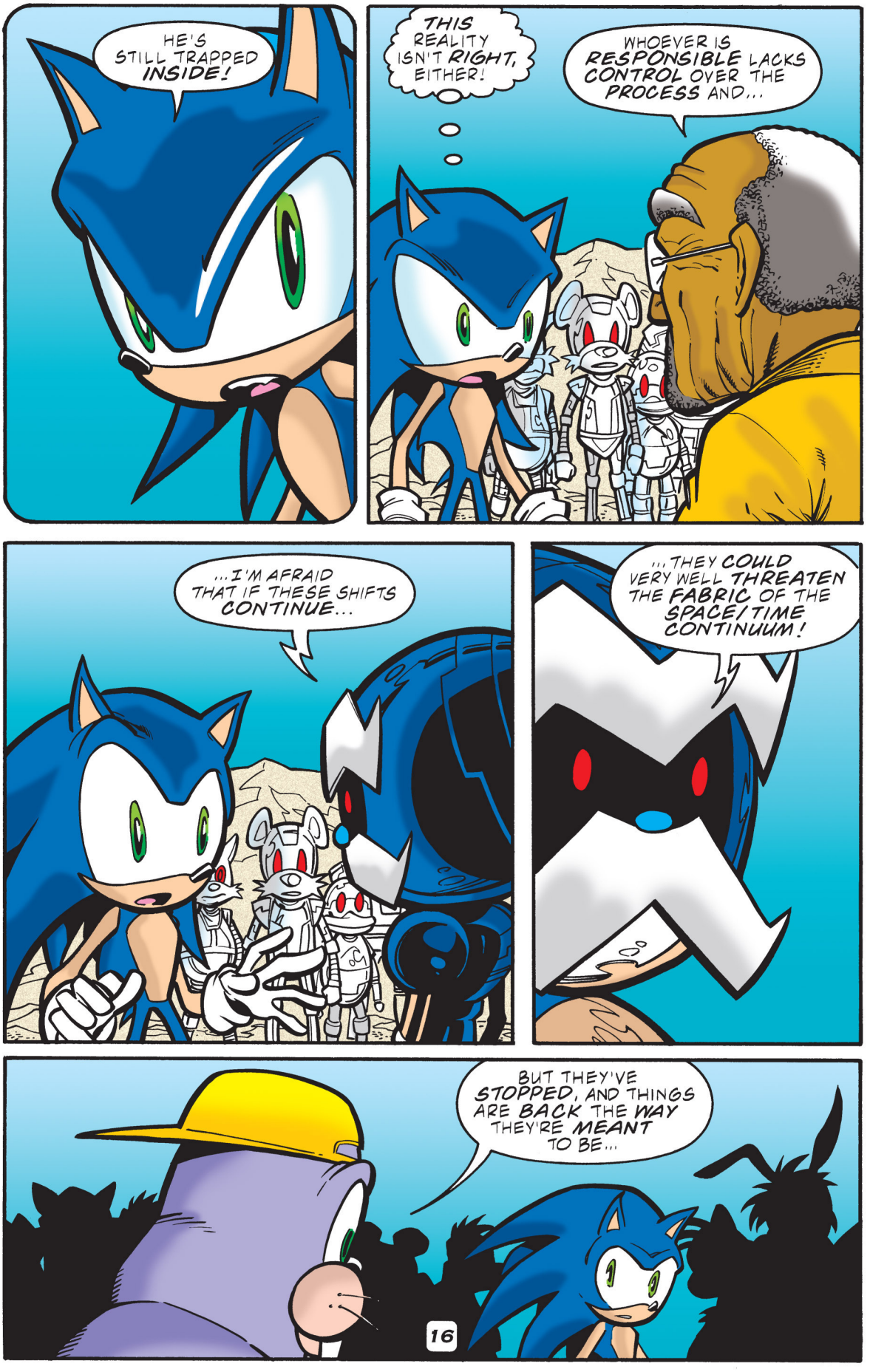
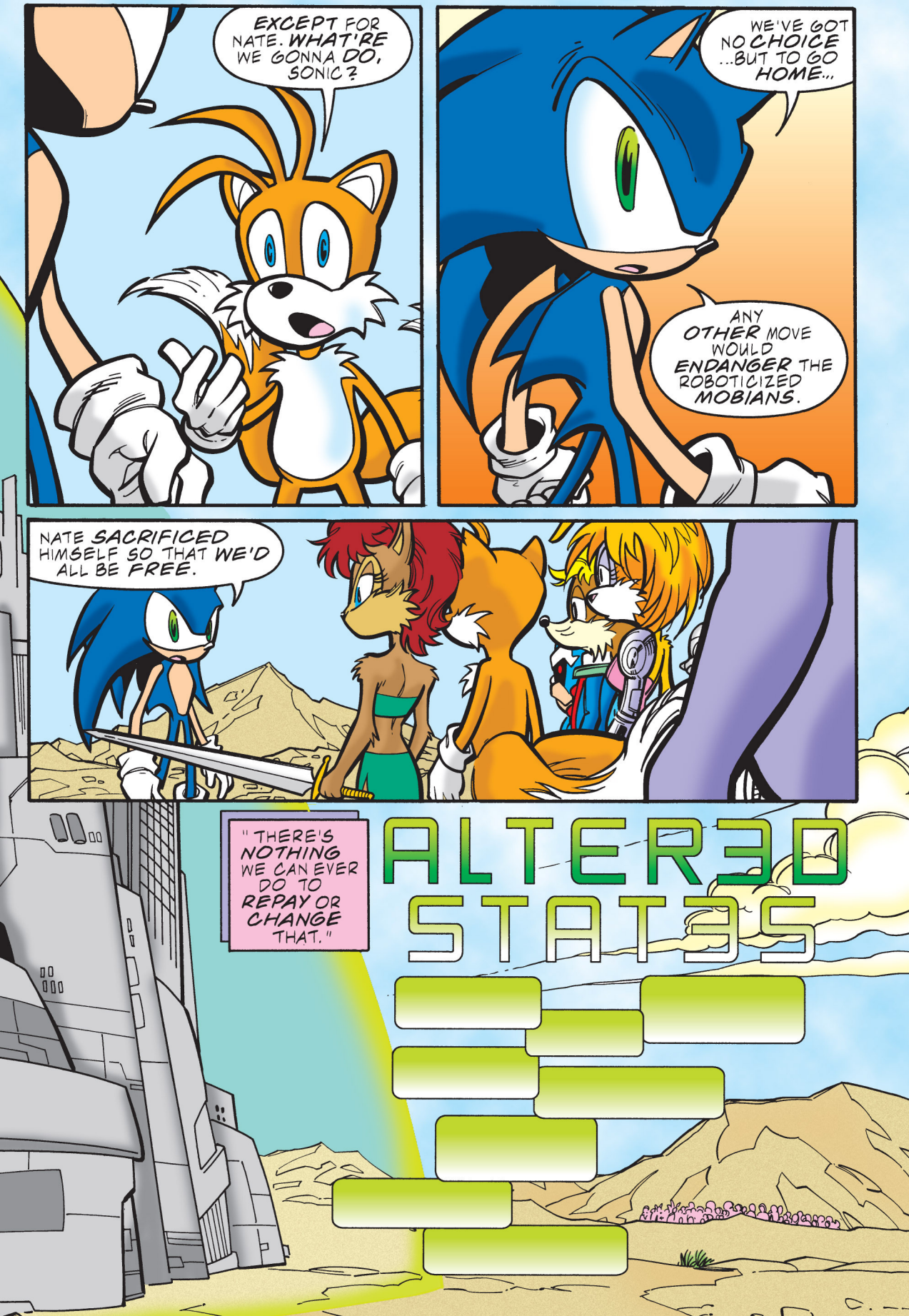
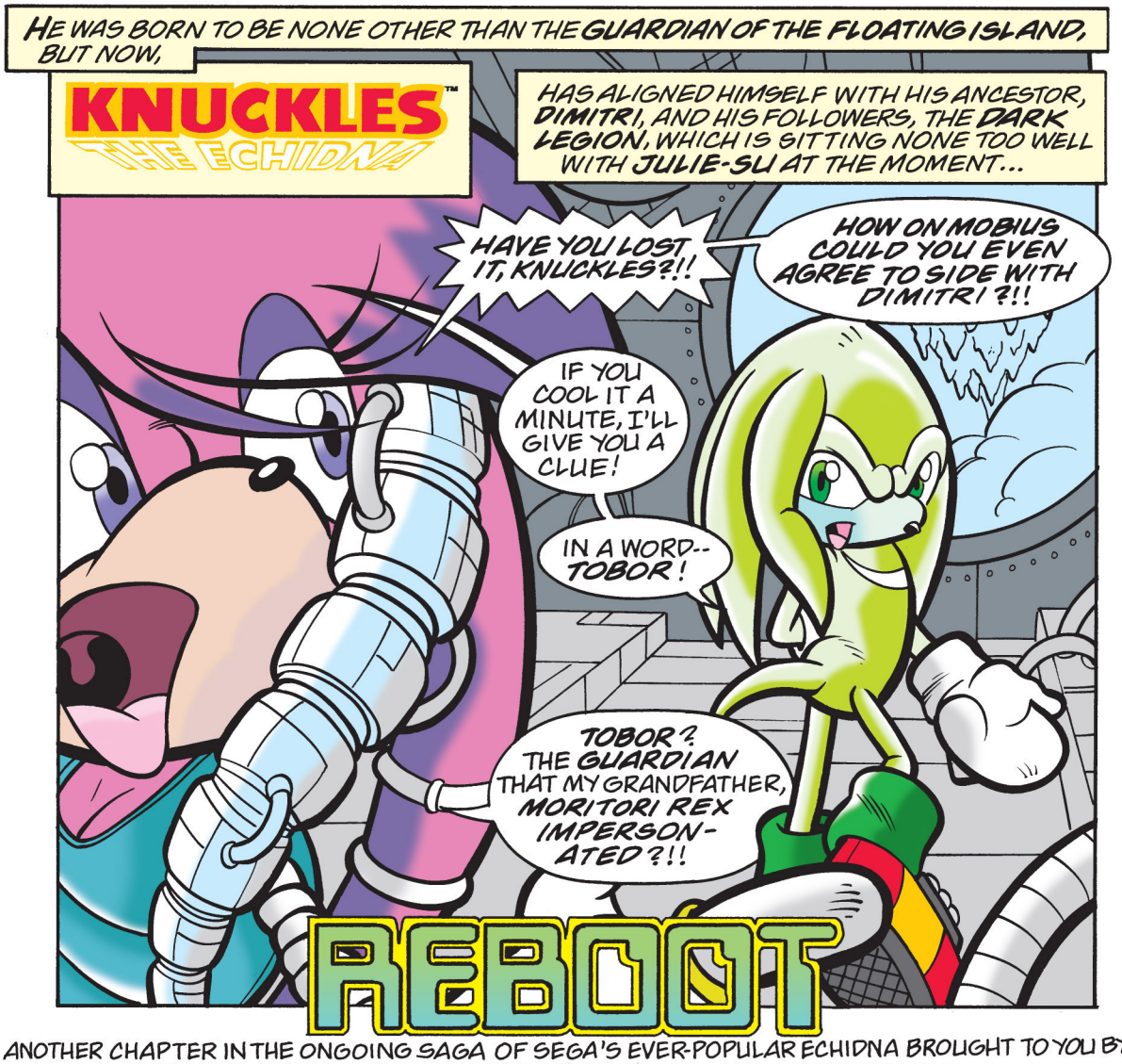

...AND--WAITAMINUTE--
THIS IS COMPLETELY BOGUS. SALLY DIDN'T DIE, I REMEMBER NOW...
UH, SUGAH-HOG...
YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT, SONIC?
HE SURELY EEZ FLIPPING ZEE LID!
SHE WAS RIGHT. WE'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE. WE'RE LEAVING ROBOTROPOLIS...
...TAKING THE ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS HOME, AND SALLY'S THERE WITH US!


?
I--
--I THINK THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL.
YOU'RE RIGHT. REALITY HAS REVERTED.
FEEL LIKE AH BEEN DREAMIN' FER WEEKS!
DITTO!
AS 'AVE I!
WORD UP!


WHOEVER'S BEHIND THIS HAS GOTTA BE, LIKE, WAY PAST POWERFUL!
D'YOU THINK IT'S ROBOTNIK?*
NO, HE DOESN'T OPERATE THAT WAY.
*IF YOU GUESSED THE GLOWING GREEN ECHIDNA, YOU'RE RIGHT! CHECK THE BACK-UP STORY FOR MORE...
THE SHIFTS APPEAR TO BE RANDOM AND SHORT-LIVED. ROBOTNIK WOULD NEVER ATTEMPT THIS UNLESS HE COULD GUARANTEE THE OUTCOME TO BE IN HIS FAVOR.
NATE!
HE WAS HERE JUSTA MINUTE AGO...


HE'S STILL TRAPPED INSIDE!
THIS REALITY ISN'T RIGHT, EITHER!
WHOEVER IS RESPONSIBLE LACKS CONTROL OVER THE PROCESS AND...
...I'M AFRAID THAT IF THESE SHIFTS CONTINUE...
...THEY COULD VERY WELL THREATEN THE FABRIC OF THE SPACE/TIME CONTINUUM!
BUT THEY'VE STOPPED, AND THINGS ARE BACK THE WAY THEY'RE MEANT TO BE...


EXCEPT FOR NATE. WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, SONIC?
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE ...BUT TO GO HOME...
ANY OTHER MOVE WOULD ENDANGER THE ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS.
NATE SACRIFICED HIMSELF SO THAT WE'D ALL BE FREE.
"THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN EVER DO TO REPAY OR CHANGE THAT."
ALTERED STATES


HE WAS BORN TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUT NOW,
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
HAS ALIGNED HIMSELF WITH HIS ANCESTOR, DIMITRI, AND HIS FOLLOWERS, THE DARK LEGION, WHICH IS SITTING NONE TOO WELL WITH JULIE-SU AT THE MOMENT...
HAVE YOU LOST IT, KNUCKLES?!!
HOW ON MOBIUS COULD YOU EVEN AGREE TO SIDE WITH DIMITRI?!!
IF YOU COOL IT A MINUTE, I'LL GIVE YOU A CLUE!
IN A WORD-- TOBOR!
TOBOR? THE GUARDIAN THAT MY GRANDFATHER, MORITORI REX IMPERSONATED?!!
REBOOT

ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE ONGOING SAGA OF SEGA'S EVER-POPULAR ECHIDNA BROUGHT TO YOU BY...
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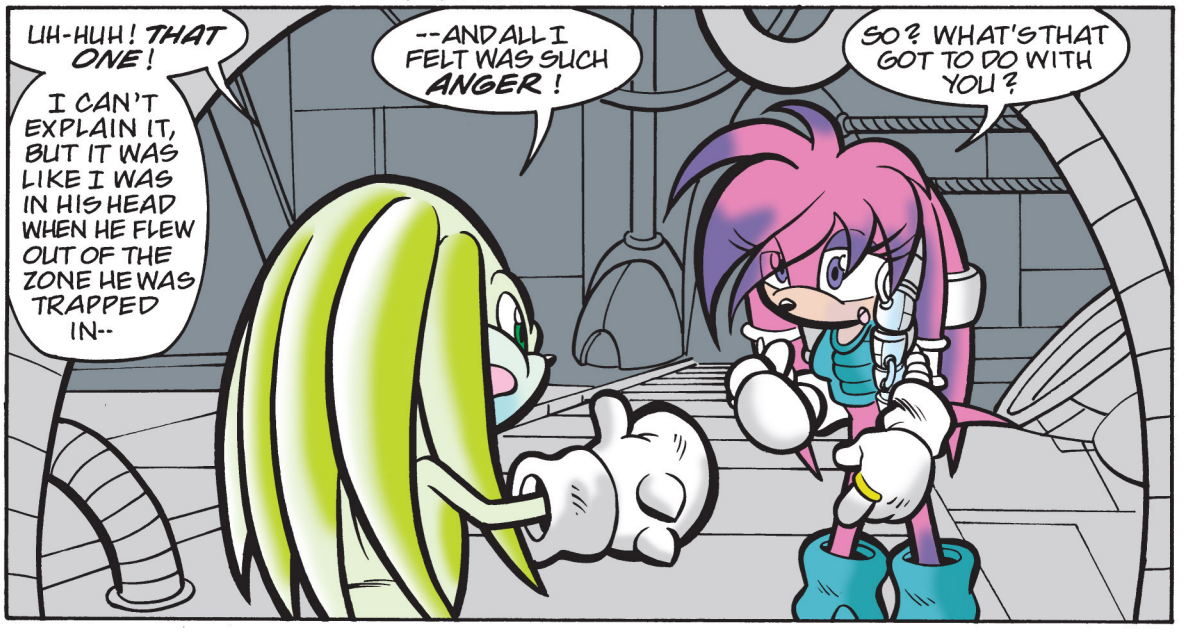
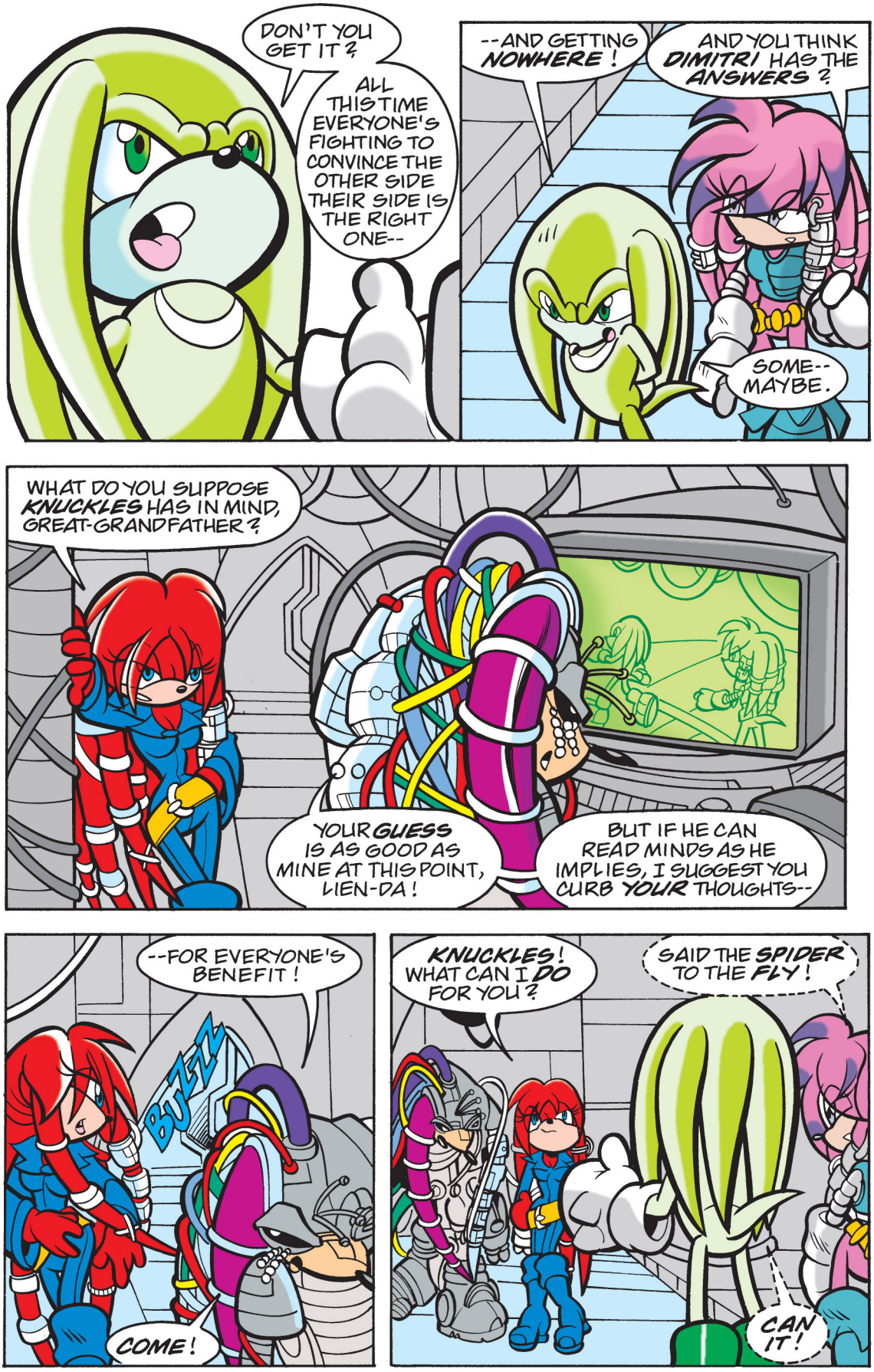
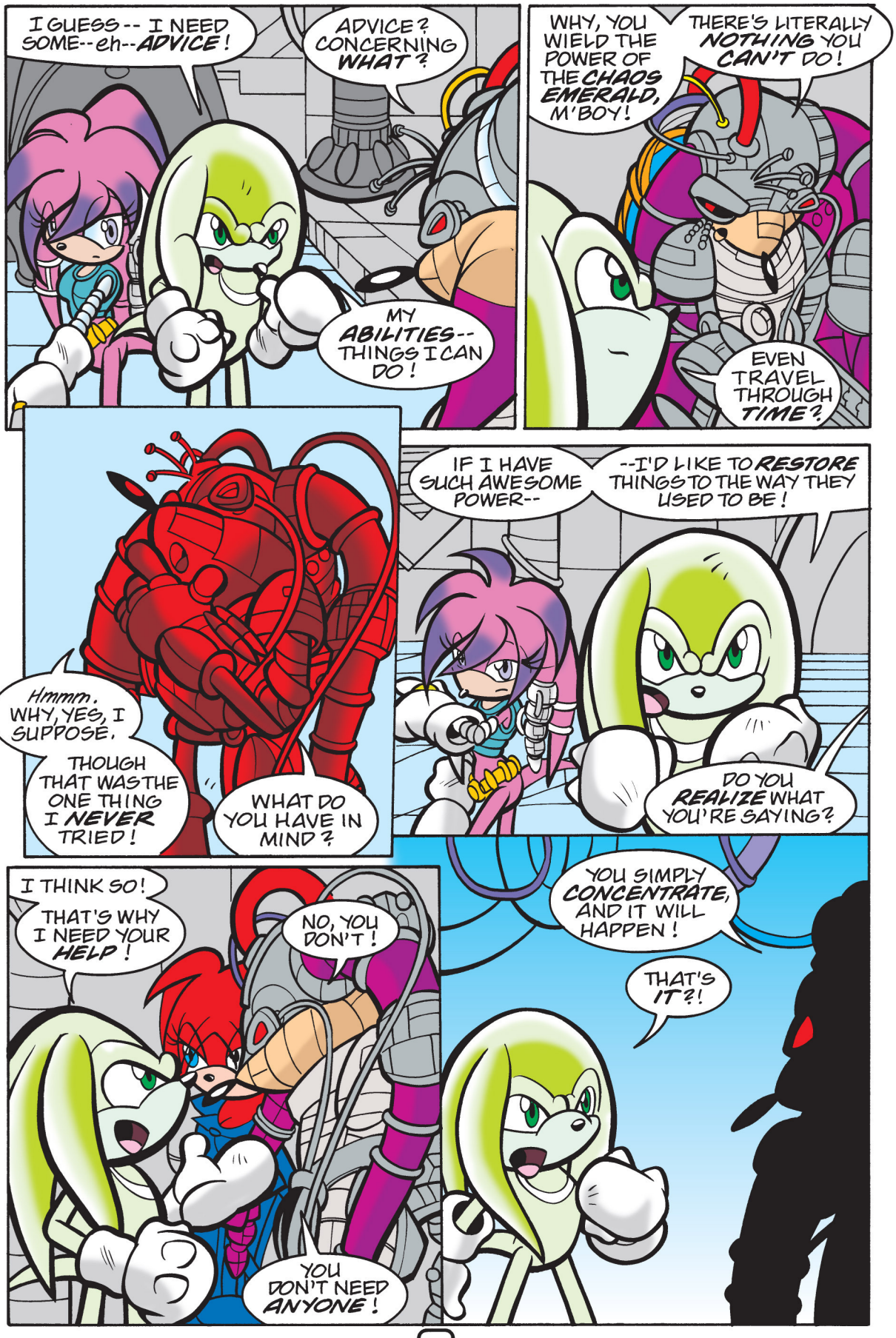
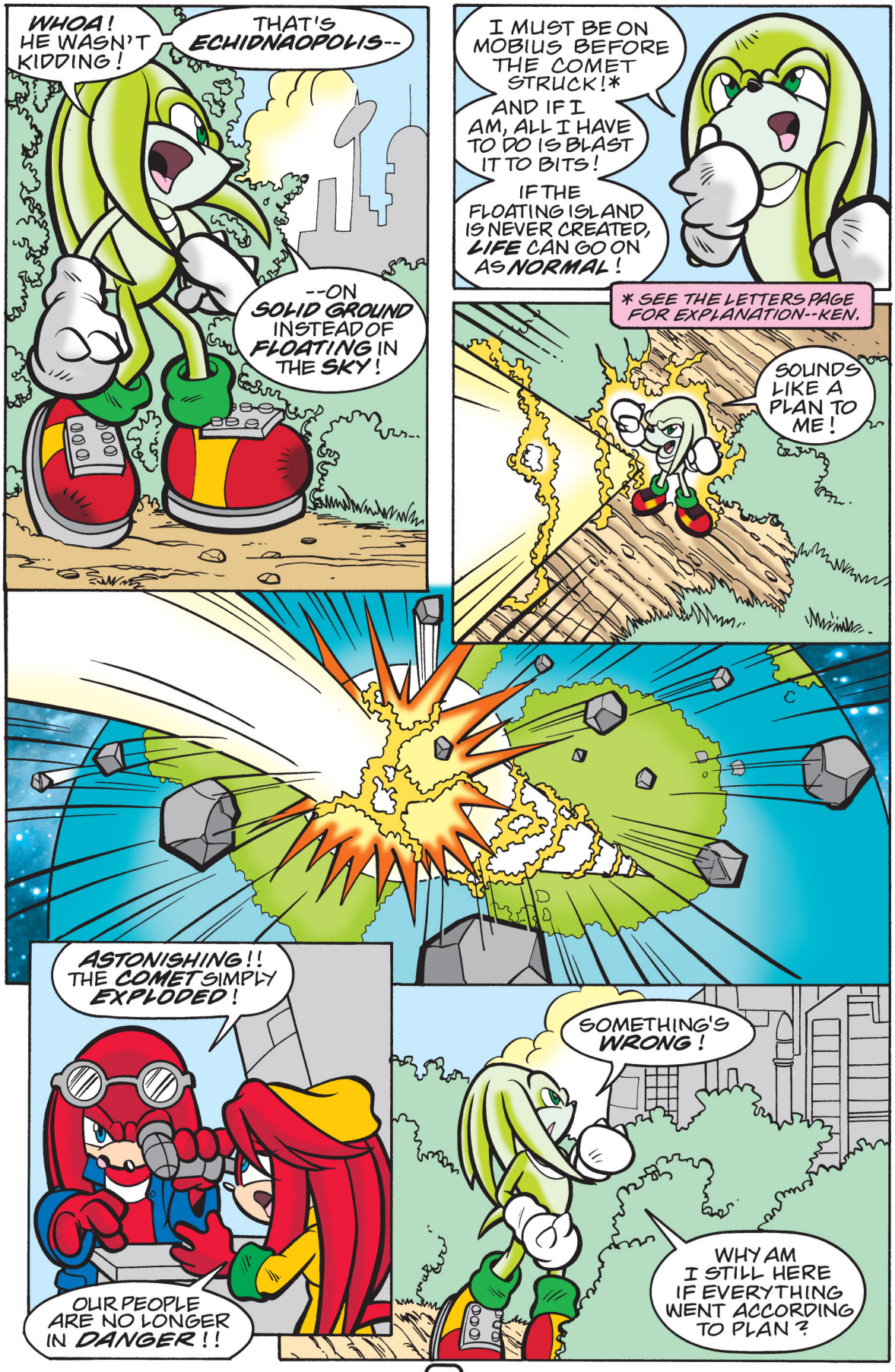
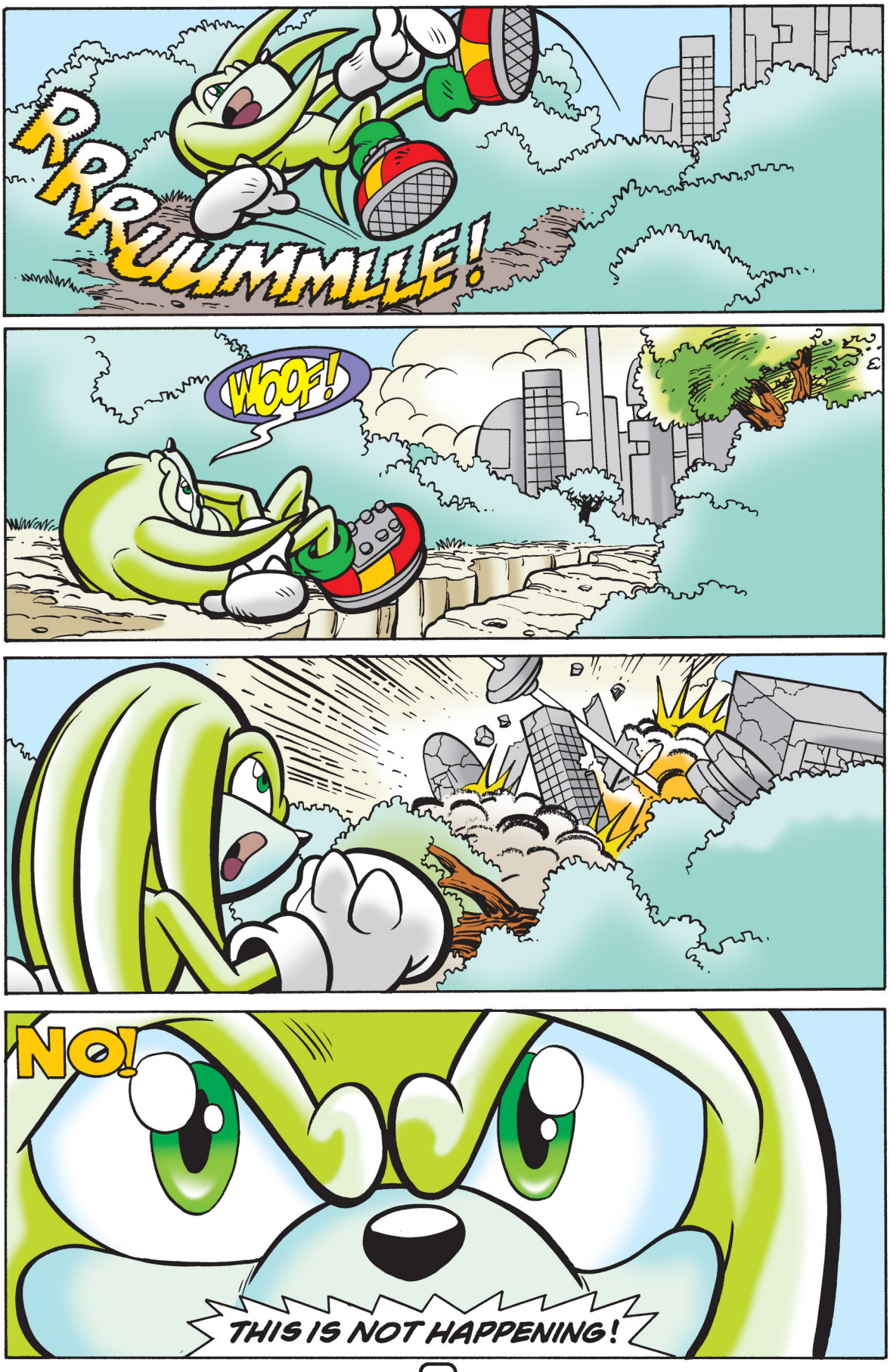
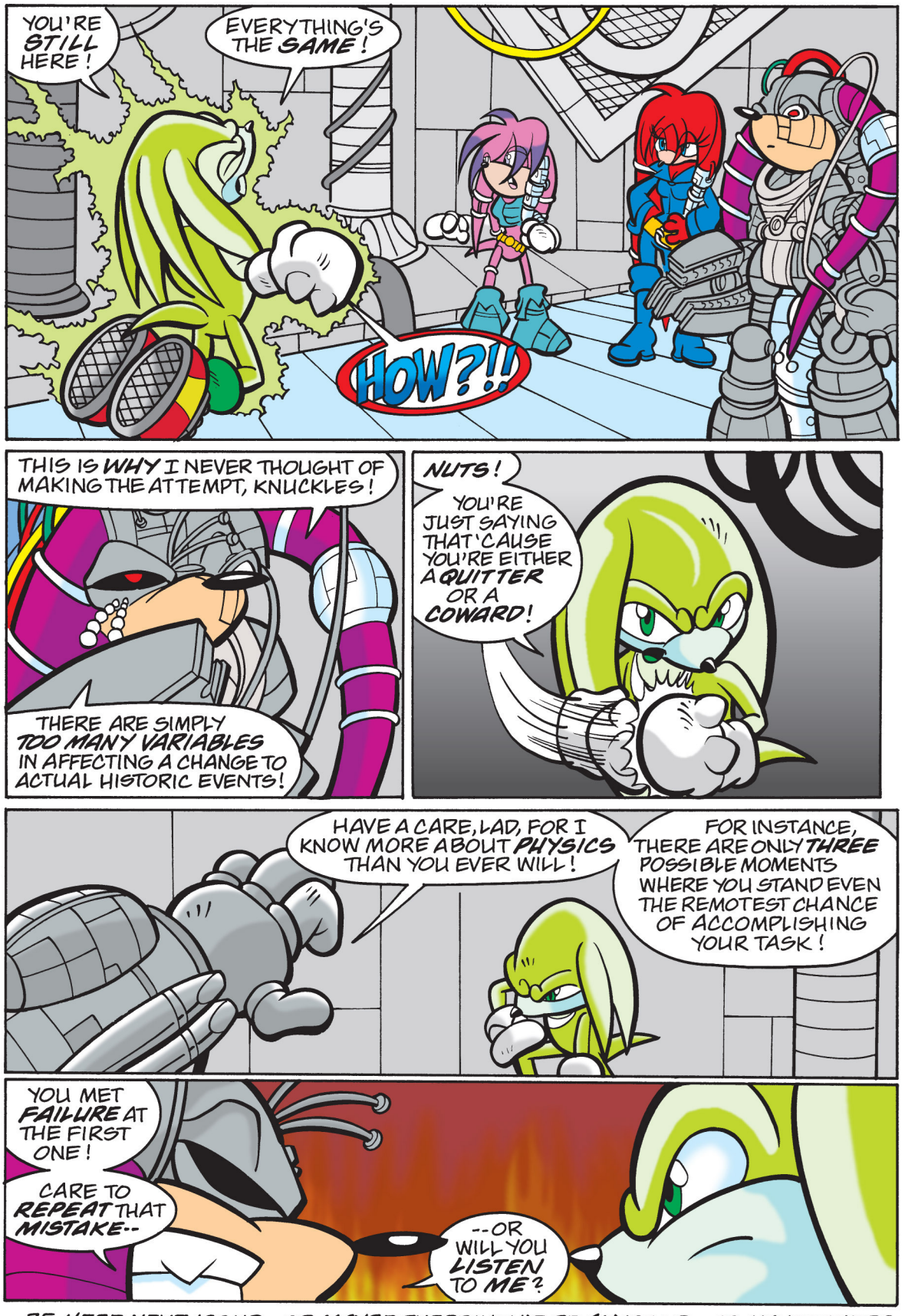

UH-HUH! THAT ONE!
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT, BUT IT WAS LIKE I WAS IN HIS HEAD WHEN HE FLEW OUT OF THE ZONE HE WAS TRAPPED IN--
--AND ALL I FELT WAS SUCH ANGER!
SO? WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH YOU?


DON'T YOU GET IT?
ALL THIS TIME EVERYONE'S FIGHTING TO CONVINCE THE OTHER SIDE THEIR SIDE IS THE RIGHT ONE--
--AND GETTING NOWHERE!
AND YOU THINK DIMITRI HAS THE ANSWERS?
SOME-- MAYBE.
WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE KNUCKLES HAS IN MIND, GREAT-GRANDFATHER?
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE AT THIS POINT, LIEN-DA!
BUT IF HE CAN READ MINDS AS HE IMPLIES, I SUGGEST YOU CURB YOUR THOUGHTS--
--FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT!
BUZZZ
COME!
KNUCKLES! WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?
SAID THE SPIDER TO THE FLY!
CAN IT!


I GUESS -- I NEED SOME--eh--ADVICE!
ADVICE? CONCERNING WHAT?
MY ABILITIES-- THINGS I CAN DO!
WHY, YOU WIELD THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD, M'BOY!
THERE'S LITERALLY NOTHING YOU CAN'T DO!
EVEN TRAVEL THROUGH TIME?
IF I HAVE SUCH AWESOME POWER--
--I'D LIKE TO RESTORE THINGS TO THE WAY THEY USED TO BE!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
Hmmm. WHY, YES, I SUPPOSE.
THOUGH THAT WAS THE ONE THING I NEVER TRIED!
WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?
I THINK SO!
THAT'S WHY I NEED YOUR HELP!
NO, YOU DON'T!
YOU DON'T NEED ANYONE!
YOU SIMPLY CONCENTRATE, AND IT WILL HAPPEN!
THAT'S IT?!


WHOA! HE WASN'T KIDDING!
THAT'S ECHIDNAOPOLIS--
--ON SOLID GROUND INSTEAD OF FLOATING IN THE SKY!
I MUST BE ON MOBIUS BEFORE THE COMET STRUCK!*
AND IF I AM, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS BLAST IT TO BITS!
IF THE FLOATING ISLAND IS NEVER CREATED, LIFE CAN GO ON AS NORMAL!
* SEE THE LETTERS PAGE FOR EXPLANATION--KEN.
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN TO ME!
ASTONISHING!! THE COMET SIMPLY EXPLODED!
OUR PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER IN DANGER!!
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
WHY AM I STILL HERE IF EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN?


RRRUMMLLE!
WOOF!
NO!
THIS IS NOT HAPPENING!


YOU'RE STILL HERE!
EVERYTHING'S THE SAME!
HOW?!!
THIS IS WHY I NEVER THOUGHT OF MAKING THE ATTEMPT, KNUCKLES!
THERE ARE SIMPLY TOO MANY VARIABLES IN AFFECTING A CHANGE TO ACTUAL HISTORIC EVENTS!
NUTS!
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT 'CAUSE YOU'RE EITHER A QUITTER OR A COWARD!
HAVE A CARE, LAD, FOR I KNOW MORE ABOUT PHYSICS THAN YOU EVER WILL!
FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE ONLY THREE POSSIBLE MOMENTS WHERE YOU STAND EVEN THE REMOTEST CHANCE OF ACCOMPLISHING YOUR TASK!
YOU MET FAILURE AT THE FIRST ONE!
CARE TO REPEAT THAT MISTAKE--
--OR WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?

BE HERE NEXT ISSUE--OR MAYBE THERE WON'T BE AN ISSUE--OR MAYBE THERE WILL BE--BUT **KNUCKLES** WON'T--OR MAYBE **DIMITRI** WILL BE THE **HERO**! **ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!!!**

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PRINCESS Sally™

HISTORY: Sally spent her early years primarily in the care of her governess Rosie and tutor Julayla as her father King Maximillian spent the majority of his time prosecuting the counter-attack against the Overlanders. When she was but five years of age, having witnessed her father vanquish several enemies to the throne, she would later discover that he met with treachery from his own Warlord, forcing Julayla and Rosie to take their young charge and seek sanctuary in Knothole Village.

During the next several years, Julayla and Rosie taught Sally a good many things about being a princess, and more importantly, about being a just and kind person. By the time she turned thirteen, Sally was more than prepared to lead her fellow Mobians into combat against the despot Robotnik.

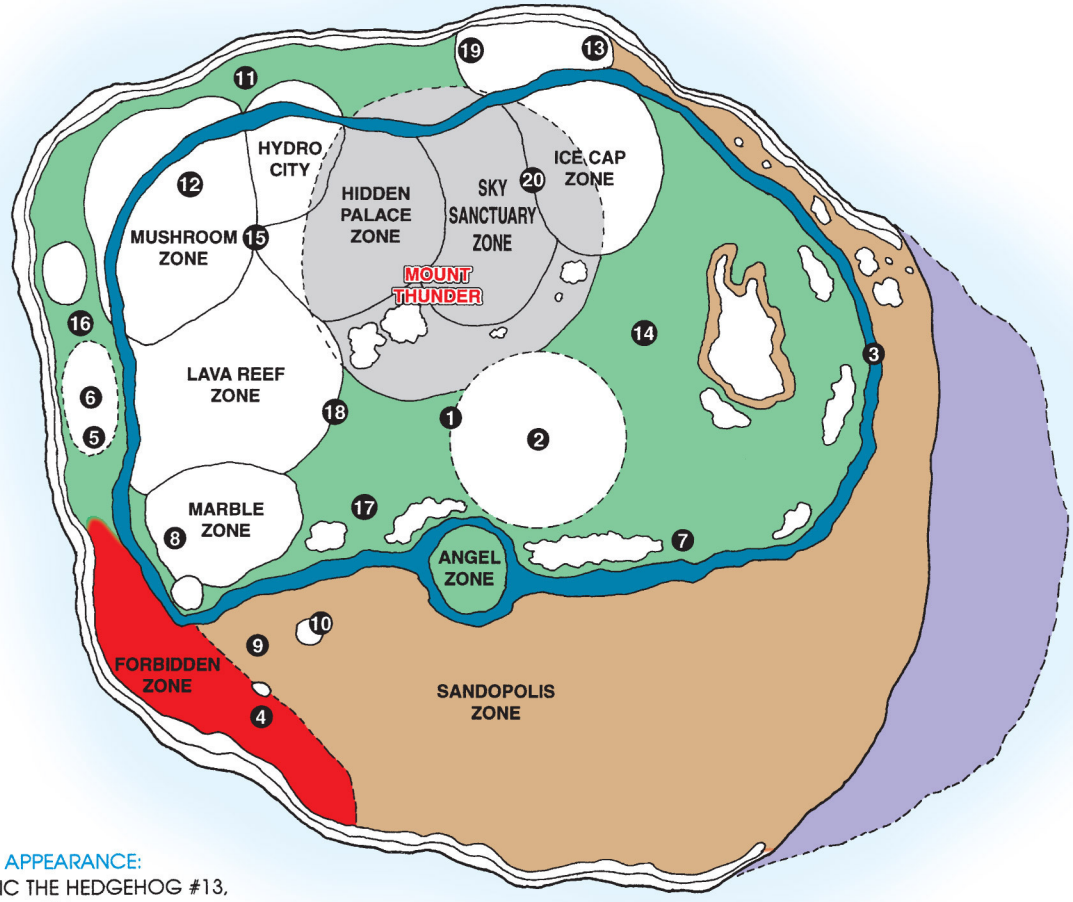
More than a year later, Sally would suffer the loss of her beloved Julayla. Her one comfort was the knowledge that she had exceeded her tutor's expectations. It was around this time that she acquired Nicole, who looked pretty much like a hand-held calculator but possessed a consciousness equal to any organic living being.

During the past couple of years, Sally has experienced much – the recovery of her father, her apparent death, the victory over Robotnik, the knowledge of her betrothal to Antoine, the reappearance of her brother, the break-up of her friendship with the echidna Knuckles, the return of her mother – leaving her to wonder what fate has yet in store for her.

FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0, February 1993.
FULL NAME: Sally Alicia Acorn
RANK: Princess of the House of Acorn
BORN: 186 / 3220
HEIGHT: 73 marks WEIGHT: 6.5 stone
HAIR: Dark auburn (was discolored for several months due to immersion in a chemical bath)
EYES: Blue
KNOWN FAMILY: King Maximillian (father), Queen Alicia (mother), Prince Elias (elder brother), Antoine (Royal Consort)
SERVANTS TO THE COURT OF ACORN: Julayla (tutor), Rosie (governess), Doctor Horatio Quack (Royal Physician)
KNOWN FRIENDS: Nicole (artificial intelligent lifeform), Sonic, Tails, Rotor, Bunnie Rab-bot, Geoffrey St. John, Knuckles

SEGA DATA FILE: 2

THE FLOATING ISLAND



FIRST APPEARANCE:
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13, August 1994.

SURFACE SIZE: Formerly 57.75 sq. metrons, now 41.35 sq. metrons after a quantum beam decimated an uninhabited section of the outer perimeter

HIGHEST PEAK: Mount Thunder, 1.79 metrons

CLIMATE: Depending on which zone or section, you can experience a variety of temperatures and conditions from arctic cold to desert hot

POPULATION: Over 128,435 echidnas at last count. The remaining total of the more than 300 sentient species is unknown.

LARGEST CITY: Echidnaopolis (restored)

ORBITAL SPEED: Circles the entire circumference of Mobius during a span of 3.2 datrons

ORBITAL HEIGHT: Maintains a consistent 6.83 metrons above the surface of Mobius

LOWEST POINT BENEATH THE SURFACE: 2.43 metrons

POINTS OF INTEREST: (1) Knuckles' Lair, (2) Echidnaopolis, (3) Haven (believed destroyed), (4) The Forbidden Zone, (5) Chaos Chamber (located underground), (6) Zoot Chute (hidden access point to Chaos Chamber), (7) site where Julie-Su first met Vector (8) access to Grand Conservatory (located underground), (9) Ancient Ruins, (10) Hidden Oasis, (11) site where Sonic and Tails crash landed (issue #13), (12) cave where Knuckles held Sonic and Tails prisoner, (13) Happyland Amusement Park, (14) Dark Legion Complex, (15) Swampy Swamp (Vector's domicile), (16) Strawberry Fields (Charmy's former hive away from hive), (17) Rainbow Valley (the hidden location of Espio's clan), (18) Fire-Ant Hill, (19) Renfield T. Rodent's Rathole, (20) Chalet Albion

HISTORY: Originally located on the continent known as Downunda, this massive piece of real estate was separated from its planetary moorings when the echidnas — a highly technological society who built and settled the city of Echidnaopolis — discovered a comet on a trajectory that would lead it straight to the city itself. They hatched a plan that would utilize the natural resource of the Chaos Emeralds to literally launch a section of the continent into the skies and out of harm's way.

With the passage of time, a group of young scientists, represented by citizens Edmund and Dimitri, expressed their desire to restore the Floating Island to its original location on the planet. Met with hostility by the governing council, their appeal was denied, forcing Dimitri to take matters into his own hands. His plans were thwarted by his brother Edmund, who took sides with the government in maintaining the status quo.

Ever since, for well over half a millennia, the Floating Island has remained a constant in the skies, still powered by the energy of a single large Chaos Emerald. Only recently has the war upon the surface of Mobius threatened its existence. The despot Dr. Ivo Robotnik planned and schemed to steal the emerald and utilize it for his own ends, just to be defeated by the Guardian Knuckles and his sometime ally Sonic the Hedgehog.